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C O N F I D E N T I A L FRANKFURT 0158

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT GIESSEN ARMY DEPOT

1. THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL (REVOLUTIONAERE ZELLEN) HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR CAUSING THE EXPLOSION OF A 150,000 GALLON FUELD STORAGE TANK AT THE GIESSEN ARMY DEPOT IN GIESSEN, GERMANY (HESSE). THE EXPLOSION OCCURED AT 2330 HOURS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1977.
2. THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY TWO PLANTED INCINDIERY DEVICES. ONE DEVICE BLEW A HOLE THROUGH ONE SIDE AND OUT THE OTHER OF THE SOTRAGE TANK, CAUSING MINOR FIRE DAMAGE TO THE REMAINING 8,000 GALLONS OF FUEL IN THE TANK. THE OTHER DEVICE FAILED TO DETONATE AND IS UNDER FORENSIC EXAMINATION AT THE LANDES KRIMINAL AMT LABORATORIES. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.
3. IN A LETTER MADE PUBLIC MAILED JANUARY 5, 1977, IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY, THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL CLAIMED THE INTENT OF ITS ACTIONS WERE "TO DISRUPT THE SUPPLY OF THE U.S. MILITARY MACHINERY IN THE GIESSEN AREA". THE LETTER FURTHER EXPOUNDED  
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ON HOW THE FRG IS BEING USED AS A RECUPERATING AREA FOR U.S. FORCES AND THAT THEIR GOAL WAS TO STOP THIS BY INSTILLING FEAR AND CONFUSION AMONGST THE MILITARY COMMUNITY. THE GROUP ONCE AGAIN CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RHEIN-MAIN OFFICERS CLUB IN DECEMBER 1976.

4. SINCE THIS IS THE SECOND BOMBING WITHIN THE PAST MONTH FOR WHICH THE REVOLUTIONARY CELL HAS CLAIMED CREDIT, POLICE SPECULATE THAT THIS SECOND ACT COULD BE THE SIGNAL FOR CONTINUOUS GUERRILLA-TYPE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE FRANKFURT AREA. LOCAL POLICE DO NOT SPECULATE THAT SUCH ACTIVITY MAY EXTEND ITSELF TO INCLUDE THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, BASED ON THE FACT THAT ALL ACTIONS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE MILITARY, AS WELL AS THE LITERATURE THEY HAVE DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING ANY INCIDENTS.

5. A COMPLETE REPORT IS BEING FORWARDED. LEHMANN

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